

In the Specification:

Please amend the ABSTRACT as follows:

The present invention ~~relates generally to vacuum lids, and in particular, is directed to~~ vacuum lids that are compatible with containers to preserve food stored in the container. An embodiment of the invention includes a top surface with an access aperture, a plurality of raised members of varying heights, and a removable raised member that covers a container valve. A vacuum is applied to the container valve, wherein air from the container is removed from the container. The container is then sealed with a membrane, thereby holding a vacuum inside the container.